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## CELEBRATE THE ORIGINAL GOVERNOR'S MANSION IN STYLE

Elegance in the historic setting of the Montana Club will literally be a ball for those who gather to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Original Governor's Mansion in Helena.

The Original Governor's Mansion Restoration Society Board will be joined by current Gov. Steve Bullock to welcome ticket holders for a night of dancing, food and fun Saturday, April 13 from 7 p.m. to midnight.

It is a black tie and formal affair with those who attend encouraged to dress in period clothing – come dressed as a 1913 cowboy, farmer, nurse, soldier, gold miner, railroad worker, in a ball gown or tux if you want. Tickets are \$25 per person and must be purchased in advance at Leslie's Hallmark Store at the mall, or at the Montana Historical Society Museum Store.

"We are limited to only 400 tickets, so those who want to attend should purchase them soon," OGM Board Member Sandy Matule said." With Gov. Bullock as our honored guest this will be a wonderful evening."

All proceeds benefit restoration projects at the Original Governor's Mansion at Sixth and Ewing Streets. If persons who want to come live outside Helena, they can call 406-442-3933 to make a reservation using a credit card.

Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be in the main dining area of the Montana Club with dancing in the ballroom on the Sixth Floor. In addition to information of the history of the OGM and the Montana Club, those who attend can also "meet" and talk with Gov. Samuel Stewart in the person of MHS Government Records Archivist Jeff Malcomson, who will be in period dress.

Stewart was the first governor to move into the mansion in 1913, and the last was Gov. Hugo Aaronson who moved to the new mansion in 1959.

The OGM had fallen into disrepair by the late 1960s when a group of citizens and former First Ladies began to raise money to restore it. The City of Helena became involved and in 1980 the Legislature passed a bill to take over the operation of the OGM and gave the responsibility to the Montana Historical Society in cooperation with a private citizen board.

“Through our preservation work and educational programs, future generations can relive the past, discover history, and experience Montana’s rich cultural heritage,” Matule said.